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TOP NEWS

Purple Line Dodges New Enviro Study At DC Circ.

The D.C. Circuit held Tuesday that an additional environmental review isn't required for Maryland's \$5.6 billion light rail project, concluding that the government sufficiently examined the potential effects that declining ridership and other issues on Washington's troubled Metrorail system could have on the proposed Purple Line extension. [Read more »](#)

Neb. Regulators Won't Budge On Keystone XL Route Ruling

Nebraska utility regulators on Tuesday shot down bids to reconsider approval of the portion of the controversial Keystone XL pipeline that runs through the state — an approval that rejected developer TransCanada Corp.'s preferred route in favor of an alternative route. [Read more »](#)

VW Wins Bid To Toss Ala. Emissions Claims

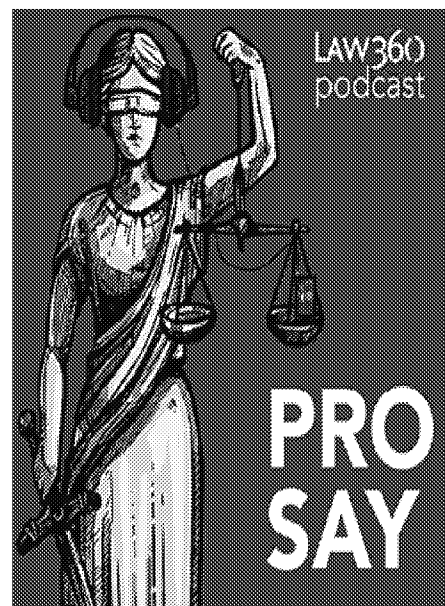
Alabama can't bring its own state environmental law claims against Volkswagen AG over the company's diesel emissions scandal, according to a ruling Monday by a state court judge who cited heavily from a similar federal court ruling against Wyoming. [Read more »](#)

GOP Tax Cut Bill Nears Finish Line After Senate Passage

The Republicans' expansive \$1.5 trillion tax cut bill cleared its penultimate hurdle in Congress early Wednesday and appeared to be mere hours away from being sent to the president's desk after the Senate approved the legislation by a simple majority vote. [Read more »](#)

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Monday said glyphosate, the primary ingredient in the weed killer Roundup and one of the most widely used herbicides in agriculture, likely does not cause cancer, a position at odds with California regulators who list the ingredient as a carcinogen. [Read more »](#)

LITIGATION

NJ Water Quality Standard For Chemical Declared Invalid

A New Jersey state appeals court on Tuesday invalidated a state groundwater quality standard for a toxic chemical used to make consumer products, finding that what were adopted as interim measures have become in effect permanent regulations in violation of state rulemaking procedures. [Read more »](#)

Enviros Sue BLM To Stop Methane Venting Rule Delay

A coalition of environmental groups filed suit on Tuesday in California federal court alleging that the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's decision to suspend several provisions of a rule limiting oil and gas companies from venting and flaring methane on public lands wasn't supported by the evidence. [Read more »](#)

NY Times Sues DOI Over Utah Monument Doc Request

The New York Times Co. hit the U.S. Department of the Interior with a Freedom of Information Act suit Monday in New York federal court, alleging that the agency has failed to fork over documents related to a national monument in Utah that the federal government plans to shrink dramatically. [Read more »](#)

Contractor Looks To Escape Suit Over Gold King Mine

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency contractor Environmental Restoration LLC urged a federal judge on Monday to let it out of Utah's suit over the company's role in the 2015 Gold King Mine spill, saying that the state's claims under a federal Superfund law should get tossed. [Read more »](#)

EXPERT ANALYSIS

Catching Our Balance: Opportunities For ESA Reform

When Congress enacted the Endangered Species Act, it emphasized the need to strike the proper balance between protecting species and allowing productive human activities. Now, the Trump administration has the opportunity — and seemingly, the appetite — to do more to refine the ESA program, says Kerry McGrath of Hunton & Williams LLP. [Read more »](#)

5th Circ. Broadens Oil Pollution Act Liability

In *U.S. v. American Commercial Lines*, the Fifth Circuit offered only narrow limitations to liability under the Oil Pollution Act. Based on this recent ruling, full liability may be triggered by any act or omission that occurs as a result of a contractual relationship, say Christopher Hannan and Kat Statman of Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz PC. [Read more »](#)

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Analysis

How Clients Are Sharing Info On Law Firm Performance

Many corporate legal departments still use word-of-mouth as their primary method of finding the best law firms to represent them, but a few pioneers are stepping outside the box and looking for new ways to bring law firm performance data into the future. [Read more »](#)

In Kozinski Fallout, Law Clerks Urged To Report Misconduct

The Federal Judicial Center amended a law clerk handbook Monday to clarify that confidentiality protocols do not prevent clerks from reporting harassment, in the wake of the sexual harassment scandal surrounding now-retired Ninth Circuit Judge Alex Kozinski. [Read more »](#)

More BigLaw Firms Seeing Data Breaches

More lawyers are reporting firm data breaches, and while unauthorized access to client data is slightly down, BigLaw firms have been hit the hardest in this area, according to the American Bar Association's latest technology report. [Read more »](#)

Senators Mull Rule Change To Speed Trump Confirmations

A key Senate panel debated sharply reducing the amount of time the Senate spends on judicial and other nominees Tuesday, potentially setting the stage to quickly confirm dozens of President Donald Trump's picks. [Read more »](#)

ABA Data Shows Noncompliant Law Schools Still Lagging

A number of law schools that have been found to be noncompliant with the American Bar Association's rules regarding admissions standards have not significantly improved the credentials of their incoming classes in the past year, new data released by the ABA shows. [Read more »](#)

Fla. Bar Taps Vero Beach Atty As Next President-Elect

The Florida Bar announced Tuesday that Vero Beach attorney John M. Stewart will be the next president-elect designate of the bar and will helm the organization for the 2019-2020 year. [Read more »](#)

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